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#### Field Crops

Cotton harvesting was complete on 65 percent of the acreage, 4 percentage points behind the 5-year average and the same as last year. Nearly the entire cotton crop continues to be rated in fair to excellent condition. Alfalfa conditions were also mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on nearly two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep have been placed on various alfalfa fields across the State.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, miscellaneous herbs, lemons, and parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, cauliflower, cantaloupes, endive, escarole, honeydews, lemons, Boston lettuce, iceberg lettuce, red leaf, romaine and green leaf lettuce, spinach and miscellaneous herbs last week.

## Range and Pasture

Warm and dry conditions continue throughout the State. Rangeland conditions vary widely from very poor to good, depending on location.

## **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent						
	- Percent -										
Alfalfa	0	4	22	49	25						
Range and Pasture	36	18	28	16	2						
Cotton	0	2	23	59	16						

 Crop Progress

 This Week
 Last Week
 Last Year
 5 – Year Avg.

 - Percent 

 Cotton
 65
 55
 65
 69

# **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending November 25, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Parker to 11 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 86 degrees at Coolidge and Yuma. The lowest reading was 15 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded at only 1 of the weather stations. Douglas recorded 0.02 inches. All weather stations are below normal for the year. Thirteen of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data											
November 19, 2012 - November 25, 2012											
	Temperature				Precipitation						
					Past	Jan. 1	Departure	Percent			
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Week	to Date	From Normal	of Normal			
Aguila	59	6	82	37	0.00	3.83	-4.54	46			
Buckeye	63	6	85	40	0.00	3.24	-3.30	50			
Canyon De Chelly	42	4	63	17	0.00	3.95	-4.87	45			
Coolidge	61	8	86	36	0.00	5.47	-0.95	85			
Douglas	59	10	77	39	0.02	7.32	-4.97	60			
Flagstaff	43	9	65	21	0.00	12.79	-7.33	64			
Grand Canyon	38	7	63	15	0.00	8.22	-9.83	46			
Kingman	54	7	75	37	0.00	7.19	-1.54	82			
Maricopa	62	9	84	40	0.00	5.42	-0.63	90			
Paloma	62	6	84	39	0.00	4.83	-0.29	94			
Parker	59	3	82	37	0.00	2.42	-0.74	77			
Payson	49	6	70	28	0.00	11.10	-8.44	57			
Phoenix	70	11	85	53	0.00	3.41	-3.13	52			
Prescott	50	10	71	32	0.00	9.03	-8.73	51			
Roll	61	5	85	37	0.00	2.34	-0.33	88			
Safford	57	8	79	35	0.00	8.17	-0.47	95			
St. Johns	45	5	68	22	0.00	6.73	-3.82	64			
Tucson	66	10	85	48	0.00	6.73	-4.08	62			
Willcox	55	8	79	32	0.00	8.56	-2.97	74			
Winslow	47	6	69	25	0.00	5.11	-2.19	70			
Yuma	69	8	86	52	0.00	2.41	-0.26	90			
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that w eek.											

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